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Summary

The present report provides details on the donation and final disposition of the assets of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan (UNMIS). The Mission's assets, with a total inventory value of $293,013,900, were disposed of as at 31 July 2013.

Summary of the disposition of the assets of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan as at 31 July 2013

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category	*Inventory value*	*Percentage*
Group I: transferred to other missions or the United Nations Logistics Base for temporary storage	242 978.3	82.9
Group II: disposed of in the mission area		
Sold	2 272.4	0.8
Donation to the Government of the Sudan	6 276.2	2.1
Donation to the Joint Integrated Units	47.4	0.0[a]
Group III: written off/lost	41 439.5	14.1
Total	**293 013.9**	**100.0**

[a] Rounded.

The actions to be taken by the General Assembly, as set out in paragraph 17 of the present report, are to approve the donation of UNMIS assets to the Government of the Sudan and the Joint Integrated Units and to take note of the present report on the final disposition of the assets of UNMIS.

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I. Introduction

1. The mandate of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan (UNMIS) was established by the Security Council in its resolution 1590 (2005). In its resolution 1978 (2011), the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 9 July 2011. In its subsequent resolution 1997 (2011), the Council decided to withdraw UNMIS effective 11 July 2011 and called for the complete withdrawal of all uniformed and civilian UNMIS personnel, other than those required for the Mission's liquidation, by 31 August 2011.

2. In accordance with regulation 5.14 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, the Mission's asset disposal plan provided for the progressive transfer of assets, where feasible and economical, to other peacekeeping operations, to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for temporary storage or to other United Nations activities funded from assessed contributions, as well as for their disposition through sale to United Nations agencies, funds and programmes or for commercial disposal, as circumstances permitted. Information on the actual disposition of all assets of the Mission, including those identified for donation to the Government of the Sudan and the Joint Integrated Units, is provided in section IV of the present report.

3. Financial regulation 5.14 (e) stipulates that any assets which have been installed in a country and which, if dismantled, would set back the rehabilitation of that country shall be provided to the duly recognized Government of that country in return for compensation in a form to be agreed upon by the Organization and the Government. This refers in particular to airfield installations and equipment, buildings, bridges and mine-clearing equipment. Where such assets cannot be disposed of in this manner or otherwise, they will be contributed free of charge to the Government of the country concerned. Such contributions require the prior approval of the General Assembly.

4. The selection of assets proposed for donation was guided by the provisions of regulation 5.14 and is based on a determination that the assets are not required and are not suitable for transfer to other missions or for temporary storage at the Logistics Base. Furthermore, the cost of dismantling, refurbishing, packing and shipping the assets would render their transfer largely uneconomical.

5. The inventory value of the assets of the Mission as at 31 July 2013 amounted to some $293.0 million, 2.2 per cent of which related to the proposed donations to the Government of the Sudan and the Joint Integrated Units.

6. The present report provides details on the donation and the final disposition of the assets of UNMIS as at 31 July 2013.

II. Donation of assets to the Government of the Sudan

7. In the context of its administrative liquidation, UNMIS identified for donation to the Government of the Sudan, free of charge, assets with an inventory value of $6,276,200 (corresponding residual value: $2,114,800), representing 2.1 per cent of the total inventory value of the Mission's assets, amounting to $293,013,900.

8. A summary of assets identified for donation to the Government of the Sudan is shown in table 1.

Table 1
Summary of assets identified for donation to the Government of the Sudan
(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Inventory value	*Residual value as at 31 July 2013*
Accommodation equipment	81.1	21.7
Generators	265.0	155.0
Miscellaneous equipment	396.0	123.8
Petrol tank plus metering equipment	63.5	19.2
Prefabricated buildings	2 833.1	1 181.3
Refrigeration equipment	29.8	7.8
Vehicular equipment	2 538.5	588.0
Water and septic tanks	69.2	18.0
Total	**6 276.2**	**2 114.8**

III. Donation of assets to the Joint Integrated Units

9. In the context of its administrative liquidation, UNMIS identified for donation to the Joint Integrated Units, free of charge, assets with an inventory value of $47,400 (corresponding residual value: $25,600), representing 0.02 per cent of the total inventory value of the Mission's assets, amounting to $293,013,900.

10. A summary of assets identified for donation to the Joint Integrated Units is shown in table 2.

Table 2
Summary of assets identified for donation to the Joint Integrated Units
(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Inventory value	*Residual value as at 31 July 2013*
Miscellaneous equipment	47.4	25.6
Total	**47.4**	**25.6**

IV. Classification and disposition of the assets of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan

11. The process of liquidating the assets of UNMIS was guided by the following principles and policies contained in financial regulation 5.14:

(a) Equipment in good condition that conforms to established standardization or is considered compatible with existing equipment will be redeployed to other peacekeeping operations or will be placed in reserve to form start-up kits for use by future missions;

(b) Equipment not required for current or future peacekeeping operations may be redeployed to other United Nations activities funded from assessed contributions, provided that there is a demonstrated need for the equipment;

(c) Equipment not required for current or future peacekeeping operations or other United Nations activities funded from assessed contributions but which may be useful for the operations of other United Nations agencies, international organizations or non-governmental organizations will be sold to such agencies or organizations;

(d) Any equipment or property not required or which it is not feasible to dispose of in accordance with subparagraphs (a), (b) or (c) above or which is in poor condition will be subject to commercial disposal in accordance with the procedures applicable to other United Nations equipment or property;

(e) Any assets which have been installed in a country and which, if dismantled, would set back the rehabilitation of that country shall be provided to the duly recognized Government of that country in return for compensation in a form to be agreed by the Organization and the Government. This refers in particular to airfield installations and equipment, buildings, bridges and mine-clearing equipment. Where such assets cannot be disposed of in this manner or otherwise, they will be contributed free of charge to the Government of the country concerned. Such contributions require the prior approval of the General Assembly.

12. The assets of UNMIS, with a total inventory value of $293,013,900 as at 31 July 2013, have been grouped into 17 categories: accommodation equipment, communications equipment, data-processing equipment, generators, field defence equipment, medical equipment, mine-clearing equipment, miscellaneous equipment, observation equipment, office equipment, petrol tank plus metering equipment, prefabricated buildings, refrigeration equipment, security equipment, vehicular equipment, water and septic tanks, and water purification equipment.

13. In accordance with the principles and policies recalled in paragraph 11 above, the assets of UNMIS have been placed into three groups (see table 3).

Table 3
Summary of the final disposition of assets of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Inventory value	*Percentage*
Group I: transferred to other missions or the Logistics Base for temporary storage	242 978.3	82.9
Group II: disposed of in the mission area		
Sold	2 272.4	0.8
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	Inventory value	*Percentage*
Group III: written off/lost		
Written off	38 416.7	13.1
Lost or stolen	3 022.8	1.0
Total	**293 013.9**	**100.0**

[a] Rounded.

14. Group I includes assets identified as meeting the requirements of peacekeeping operations or United Nations activities funded from assessed contributions. The items in this group, with an inventory value of $242,978,300 (82.9 per cent of total asset value), have been transferred to other United Nations missions and the Logistics Base to be stored temporarily for future use.

15. Group II includes assets disposed of locally with an inventory value of $8,596,000, representing 3.0 per cent of the total inventory value of UNMIS assets. It consists of assets identified for donation to the Government of the Sudan and the Joint Integrated Units with an inventory value of $6,323,600 and a corresponding residual value of $2,140,400. Assets with an inventory value of $2,272,400 and a corresponding residual value of $603,600 were sold to United Nations agencies and to private companies and individuals on the basis of competitive bidding. The amount of $559,200, representing the proceeds of the sales, was credited as miscellaneous income to the UNMIS special account (see table 4).

Table 4
Sale of assets of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan
(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Inventory value	*Residual value*	*Sale value*
Commercial disposal	1 311.9	322.2	559.2
Sold to United Nations agencies	960.5	281.4	–
Total	**2 272.4**	**603.6**	**559.2**

16. The inventory value of assets in group III totals $41,439,500, representing 14.1 per cent of the total asset inventory value and a corresponding residual value of $13,283,800. Those assets have been written off as a result of accidents, damage caused by natural elements, obsolescence, normal wear and tear and uneconomical prospects for repair and loss (see table 5).

Table 5
Written-off property reported by the United Nations Mission in the Sudan
(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Inventory value	*Residual value*
Accident, damage and faulty equipment	7 937.4	3 203.3
Lost or stolen equipment	3 022.8	1 039.4
Normal wear and tear and regular life-cycle activity	23 250.9	6 640.5
Obsolescence	5 515.5	1 652.7
Uneconomical to repair	1 712.9	747.9
Total	**41 439.5**	**13 283.8**

V. Actions to be taken by the General Assembly

17. **The actions to be taken by the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session in connection with the financing of UNMIS are:**

(a) **To approve the donation of assets with an inventory value of $6,276,200 and corresponding residual value of $2,114,800 to the Government of the Sudan on a free-of-charge basis;**

(b) **To approve the donation of assets with an inventory value of $47,400 and a corresponding residual value of $25,600 to the Joint Integrated Units on a free-of-charge basis;**

(c) **To take note of the present report.**